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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 43 were pending in this application. Claims 26 - 42 have been withdrawn from consideration by this Amendment, without prejudice to those claims being sought in a divisional application.

The Examiner has requested restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I -- Claims 1 - 25 and 43.

Group II -- Claims 26 - 42.

Applicant elects to proceed with the Group I invention, drawn to an operation system. Accordingly, claims 1 - 25 and 43 are identified as the claims encompassing the elected invention, and those claims have been retained in this application.

Claims 26 - 42 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. However, Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a divisional application.

Remaining claims 1 - 25 and 43 are directed to patentable subject matter. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance allowing claims 1 - 25 and 43 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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